

coming from the lake or going down to drink, to wash clothes or to swim, all in the same place. Women are seen washing clothes and filling jars with drinking water whilst a dog is laying down cooling himself in the same place.

The Moslem women of Tiberias are very artistically dressed. They wear a long dark blue dress which is folded in with a cincture around the waist. Their sleeves are wide and rather short. A long veil is gracefully put over their head, and on their feet are a pair of sandals. All this is rather simple, but they have a certain grace and modest vanity of wearing this dress, and with the beautiful shaped jar on their head a person is reminded of Rebecca.

Near the town is the Jewish cemetery with its whitewashed sepulchers; and a little farther south are the "Hot Baths" so much extolled as a cure for rheumatism and diseases of the skin. Very hot water gushes out at the foot of the mountains; it is salty and bitter to the taste and contains much sulphur and chloride of magnesium. Near these springs is the grave of Rabbi Meir the author of the Talmud. The Sea of Galilee or Lake Genesareth is 681 feet below the level of the Mediterranean. It is an irregular oval in form. Its greatest length is 13 miles; its greatest width 6 miles; and its greatest depth 820 feet. On account of the depression of the lake below the level of the sea the heat is great, and subtropical vegetation is produced. The banks are lined with oleander. The water looks blue; the mountains surrounding the lake are not very high; the scenery enlivened by a few villages, is not very grand, but rather of a smiling and peaceful character. The water has a slightly brackish taste, but is wholesome and drunk by all. It is cooled by being placed in porous earthen jars and allowed to stand in a current of air in the shade. The lake still contains many kinds of good fish. Of particular interest is the "Chromis Simonis" the male of which carries the eggs and the young about in his mouth; and the Berbur of the Arabs, which emits a sound. Excursions on the east banks of the lake are unsafe on account of the Bedouins. As in the days of old this lake is often visited by violent storms, which gradually come up all of a sudden. Last year Cardinal Ferrari of Milan and some pilgrims were caught in a fearful storm; they reached the shore just in time. We nevertheless risked it and took a ride to Capharnaum. As the sea was calm it took us almost two hours to arrive there. We had four strong Arabs at the oars. One of them a young man who was considered to be the best singer in Tiberias entertained us the while with some of his choice selections of Oriental music. His voice was really good and he had a wonderful control of it. He is the one selected to sing high up on the minarets on great occasions.

Judging from the ruins, Capharnaum must have been a place of considerable importance; it now consists of only a few houses. About the only material